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SUBJECT: FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS
CONFERENCE GIVEN BY FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL ON JULY 17 IMME-
DIATELY FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR (SEPTTEL-NOTAL):

BEGIN TEXT

(OPENING STATEMENT BY FONMIN)

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IN A NOTE GIVEN TO THE US GOVERNMENT ON JUNE 17, 1975, OUR

GOVERNMENT HAD INFORMED THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT THAT UNDER THE PRESENT CONDITIONS IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE TO CONSIDER VALID THE BASIC AGREEMENT DATED JULY 3, 1969 REGULATING THE COMMON DEFENSE COOPERATION AND ALL OTHER RELATED AGREEMENTS, TAX EXEMPTIONS AND THE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES RECOGNIZED TO U.S. PERSONNEL STATIONED IN TURKEY UNDER THE NATO STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT, AND THAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITHIN ONE MONTH THE NEW PRINCIPLES AND CONDITIONS TO WHICH THE EXISTING COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUBJECT. TODAY WE GAVE A NEW NOTE TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA AND INFORMED HIM THAT THIS PERIOD HAS EXPIRED.

THE USA HAD INDICATED IN ITS NOTE DATED JULY 4, 1975, WHICH WAS AN ANSWER TO OUR NOTE, THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE READY TO BEGIN ON JULY 17 OR AT AN EARLIER DATE CONVENIENT FOR TURKEY THE NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSED BY OUR GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO STUDY THE LEGAL FOUNDATIONS ON WHICH THE DEFENSE RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATE WILL BE BASED.

REMINDING THEM OF THIS FACT, WE HAVE INVITED THEM TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS AS OF TODAY.

THE FOLLOWING DELEGATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THESE NEGOTIATIONS:

SECRETARY GENERAL OF MFA, AMBASSADOR SUKRU ELEKDAG

TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) CHIEF OF GENERAL PLANS AND PRINCIPLES, LTGEN NECDET URUG

MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR ERCUMENT YAVUZALP

MAJGEN CEMIL CUHA, TURKISH AIR FORCE (TAF), CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL PLANS, PRINCIPLES AND AGREEMENTS, TGS

BRIGGEN DOGAN GUNCAN, CHIEF, PLANS-PROGRAM
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COORDINATION DEPARTMENT, TGS

MUSTAFA ASULA, ACTING DIRECTOR, DEFSNE AGREEMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION DEPARTMENT, MFA

COL NECDET MURCAK, TAF, SECTION CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL PLANS, PRINCIPLES AND AGREEMENTS, TGS

THE PROVISIONAL STATUS--WHICH WILL BE VALID UNTIL THE LIMITS OF THE TURKISH AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION DEEMED BENEFICIAL TO IMPLEMENT HENCEFORTH AND THE NEW LEGAL STATUS ARE DETERMINED BY MEANS OF NEGOTIATIONS -- WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AFTER TECHNICAL WORK ON THE PROCEDURE FOR NEGOTIATIONS IS COMPLETED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF THE TWO SIDES.

(BEGIN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD)

Q. AT YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE ONE MONTH AGO, YOU HAD INDICATED THAT WHETHER THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED OR NOT, APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONAL STATUS WOULD BEGIN. YOU ALSO INDICATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS TOO WOULD BEGIN, OR (UNINTELLIGIBLE)...WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PROVISIONAL STATUS AT THIS POINT, IS ITS IMPLEMENTATION DELAYED FOR A TIME?

A. IT IS DELAYED A VERY SHORT TIME, THAT IS TO SAY, WE DID NOT FIND IT APPROPRIATE TO ANNOUNCE THE PROVISIONAL STATUS UNTIL THIS TECHNICAL WORK WAS COMPLETED. THIS PERIOD WILL BE A VERY SHORT PERIOD.

A. IS THERE A LIMIT ON THIS PERIOD, SIR?...

Q. IS THERE A TIME INDICATED FOR THE START OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THE LAST NOTE WE SENT?

A. NO. THE PROVISIONAL STATUS WILL BEGIN WITH THE START OF BASIC NEGOTIATIONS, AND AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN A SHORT TIME. THE PROVISIONAL STATUS, AS A MATTER OF FACT, HAS BEEN ARRANGED IN A MANNER SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO HINDRANCE IN COMMON DEFENSE COOPERATION CONTINUING UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS. THEREFORE IT IS NOT DEPENDENT ON A SET

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PERIOD.

Q. YOU STATED, SIR, THAT FOR THE PROVISIONAL STATUS TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS TO BE SOLVED. IS THERE A TIME LIMIT ON THIS?

A. I MAY SAY A VERY SHORT ONE.

Q. THERE IS A REPORT IN THE PRESS SAYING BY THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH.

A. I DO NOT KNOW; I THINK IT WILL NOT TAKE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH.

Q. SIR, DOES THIS PERIOD HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH THE DECISION

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN AMERICA TAKES?

A. THIS PERIOD WAS CONSIDERED BOTH FOR THE COMPLETION OF TECHNICAL WORK AND BECASUE THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY NECESSITATED THIS.

Q. SIR, THIS PERIOD, DID THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUEST TURKEY TO GRANT A DELAY, SHORT AS IT MAY BE? DID AMERICA MAKE SUCH A REQUEST?

A. SUCH QUESTIONS ARE ASKED EVERY TIME -- THERE SEEMS TO BE A DESIRE TO SHOW TURKEY AS ALWAYS TAKING HER DECISIONS ACCORDING TO REQUESTS, WARNINGS OR THE INSISTENCE OF OTHERS. THE SITUATION IS THIS: THE VIEW OF OUR GOVERNMENT CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS ONE OF HAVING PREFERRED A POSITION IN THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY THOUGH IT MAY BE OPEN TO ALL CRITICISM.

Q. SIR, HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE NATION'S INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS DURING THE PERIOD WHICH ELAPSED BETWEEN JUNE 17 AND JULY 17?

A. I DID NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION.

Q. I MEAN TO SAY, HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE FROM THE POINT OF NATIONAL INTERESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TECHNICAL PREPARATION BETWEEN JUNE 17 AND THE PRESENT?
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A. I DON'T THINK SO. AS YOU KNOW, WE MADE THESE PREPARATIONS ON THE DAY FOLLOWING MY RETURN FROM THE ISLAM COUNTRIES CONFERENCE. THE PREPARATIONS WERE MADE BEFORE. THIS TOO PROBABLY IS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT (SIC).

Q. SIR, WHAT I MEAN TO SAY IS THIS: CAN WE ESTABLISH ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE AMERICAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THESE TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENT?

A. WELL, I AM NOT ABOUT TO ENGAGE IN A GAME OF MATCHING WITS. YOU'RE FREE IN YOUR INTERPRETATIONS. I HAVE EXPLAINED TO YOU THE VIEWS AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT. WHETHER DECISIONS WERE BASED ON THIS OR THAT FACTOR DEPENDS ON ASSUMPTIONS. NATURALLY, EVERYBODY WILL INTERPRET THIS ACCORDING TO HIS OWN INSTINCTS, ESTIMATES AND OPINIONS. I AM OF THE OPINION THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO AUTHENTICATE THE ACCURACY OF OR TO ANSWER ALL THESE INTERPRETATIONS.

THANK YOU.

END TEXT.
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